



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

Teresa Wheatley

APR 21 2016

Round Rock, TX 78681

RE: MUR 6761

Dear Ms. Wheatley:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), the regulatory agency that administers and enforces the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"), received a complaint alleging violations of the Act or Commission regulations. We have enclosed a copy of that complaint, along with those attachments that pertain to the alleged violations for which you are being notified. Although the complaint does not name you as a respondent, it appears that your activities may fall within the scope of the alleged violations described in the complaint. The Commission has also ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that you may have committed violations of the Act. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). You therefore are being provided this notice of the complaint and an opportunity to respond to its allegations, if you wish to do so. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1).

Specifically, information obtained by the Commission indicates that you may have made a \$5,000 contribution to Dewhurst for Texas on November 27, 2012, with funds that you received for that purpose from Alexander Consulting Group, LLC ("AGC") the same day, and that you may have caused the transfer of funds from AGC to your personal bank account before making the contribution. These transactions may implicate the Act's prohibition on contributions in the name of another, *see* 52 U.S.C. § 30122.

The Office of the General Counsel is reviewing this information to determine whether to recommend that the Commission find reason to believe that you violated the Act or Commission regulations. A "reason to believe" finding is not a finding that any person violated the Act; rather, it means only that the Commission believes a violation may have occurred. If the Commission finds that there is reason to believe, it may authorize the Office of the General Counsel to conduct an investigation to determine whether, in fact, a violation occurred, or to assess the scope of the alleged violation. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2).

Before we make a recommendation to the Commission, we offer you the opportunity to provide a written response to the above information. Should you choose to respond, you may also submit any materials — including documents or sworn affidavits — that you believe may be

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relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. The Commission will take into account any additional information you provide.

Your response, if you choose to make one, must be submitted in writing within 15 days of receiving this letter, and should reference MUR 6761. After 15 days, we will make our recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will then consider the recommendations and take appropriate action. Any written correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to:

Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
Attn: Saurav Ghosh
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

This matter will remain confidential unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. See 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12). Please be advised that although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. You are required to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until we notify you that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

If you have any questions, please call Saurav Ghosh, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. Information is also available on the Commission's website, www.fec.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark Shonkwiler
Assistant General Counsel

¹ The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).